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2002 LSU BASEBALL

Game 12: LSU vs. Long Beach St.—Friday, Mar. 1, 6:30 p.m., Alex Box Stadium

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Home again: LSU opens a three-game series tonight with Long Beach St., kicking off an 11-game homestand.

- The Tigers haven't played since Sunday, when they took a 12-11 loss in the finale of a three-game series at Houston.
- The Tigers were 2-2 on their road trip last week, winning 7-6 at Centenary and going 1-2 at Houston (3-11, 8-4, 11-12).
- LSU is 6-1 at home this season, with its only loss coming Feb. 12 to Southeastern Louisiana.
- LSU also hosts Tulane, UL-Monroe (3 games), UL-Lafayette and Vanderbilt (3 games) on the homestand.
- The Tigers' next road game isn't until Mar. 19 when they visit UL-Lafayette.

Scouting the 49ers: The "Dirtbags" are 6-4 following a 10-1 loss to Fresno St. on Tuesday.

- Long Beach won two of three this past weekend against LSU's SEC West rival, Arkansas. The 49ers won 8-1 and 4-0 in the first two games before the Razorbacks won 5-3 on Sunday.
- LBSU, like LSU, is also under new leadership, as long-time assistant Mike Weathers has taken over for the retired Dave Snow. Weathers has also been a head coach at Utah and Chapman College.
- The 49ers broke into the rankings three weeks ago after taking two of three at home against USC.
- The Dirtbags are 2-1 on the road, winning their only away series at California.

About the Series: This will be the first regular-season meeting between the schools, but LSU has a 4-1 lead in five NCAA tournament games.

- The teams first met in the 1989 College World Series, with LSU taking a 6-2 victory in an elimination game.
- The Tigers and 49ers met three times in the 1993 CWS, with LSU winning the opening game between the clubs, 7-1. Long Beach came back for a 10-8 victory to stave off elimination, but the Tigers took a 6-5 victory in the bracket one final and eventually won the national championship.
- The 49ers' only visit to Baton Rouge came for the 1997 South I Regional, as the Tigers won a 14-7, 11-inning contest in an elimination game.
- This marks the first time that a California team has visited Baton Rouge in regular season play.
- LSU will return the trip to Blair Field in 2003,

About Tonight's Game...

Records

LSU 8-3, Long Beach St. 6-4

Rankings

LSU is ranked #7 by ESPN/Baseball Weekly, #8 by Collegiate Baseball and #9 by Baseball America. Long Beach St. is ranked #21 by Collegiate Baseball and #24 by ESPN/Baseball Weekly.

Radio/TV

All LSU games can be heard on the LSU Sports Network (WDGL-98.1 FM in Baton Rouge) and at LSU's official website, www.lsusports.net. Charles Hanagriff calls tonight's game.

Series

LSU leads, 4-1

Last Meeting

LSU 14, Long Beach St. 7 in 11 innings (5/25/97 at NCAA South I Regional)

Coaches

Smoke Laval, LSU (8-3 at LSU; 241-159 in seven years at Louisiana-Monroe)
Mike Weathers, LBSU (6-3 at LBSU; 283-281 in 12 years overall)

The rest of the Series

Game 2 Saturday at 2 p.m.
Game 3 Sunday at 1 p.m.

On Deck

Tuesday Tulane, 6:30
Mar. 8 UL-Monroe, 6:30
Mar. 9 UL-Monroe, 2
Mar. 10 UL-Monroe, 1
Mar. 12 UL-Lafayette, 6:30
Mar. 15 Vanderbilt, 6:30
Mar. 16 Vanderbilt, 2
Mar. 17 Vanderbilt, Noon
Mar. 19 at UL-Lafayette, 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 22-24 . at Ole Miss

Tonight's Starting Pitcher

#34 Jr. RHP Bo Pettit (6-0, 200, Houston–Sharpstown HS)

Bo Pettit will be looking to bounce back from his first loss in nearly two years tonight when he opens the Long Beach St. series.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2002: Is 1–1 with a 3.66 ERA in three starts.

- Tied a career high with 12 strikeouts in the Tigers' Feb. 15 victory over Mercer.
- Went a career high 7.2 innings in Mercer game, not yielding an earned run and carrying a shutout into the eighth inning.
- Started season opener vs. Birmingham-Southern on Feb. 8 and struck out eight in 6.0 innings.
- Worked 6.0 innings in loss at Houston (Feb. 22), making pitching appearance in his hometown.

2001: Posted 4-0 mark with a 2.42 ERA, but only appeared in 7 games (4 starts) due to continuing shoulder ailments.

- Struck out five in two innings in his first appearance of 2001 vs. Nicholls St. on Feb. 27
- Earned his first win of the season against Southern on Mar. 13, going five innings and allowing two runs on two hits.
- Best outing of season came Mar. 23 at Mississippi St., as he allowed no earned runs in 6.1 innings to pick up the victory.
- Did not return to action again until May 1 at New Orleans, when he went three innings and allowed just one hit and no earned runs while striking out five.

2000: Went 5-3 with a 4.15 ERA in 16 games (7 starts), but season ended early due to tendonitis in his shoulder.

- Best effort came in Apr. 30 win at Ole Miss in first career SEC start. In that game, Pettit allowed one run on five hits and struck out a career-high 12 in seven innings.
- Earned his first career win in second game of doubleheader vs. Virginia on Feb. 12, starting and throwing six scoreless innings, striking out six and allowing just two hits.
- Threw two scoreless innings and allowed just one hit in relief stint vs. McNeese St. on Feb. 22.
- Hurlled four scoreless and hitless innings in start vs. New Orleans on Mar. 22, picking up victory with six strikeouts.
- Final outing of season came on May 6 at Kentucky, where he earned win with six strikeouts over 6.2 innings.

1999: Was granted a medical redshirt after pitching in only three early-season games.

- Made his first career appearance on Feb. 27 against Central Florida, going 1.1 innings and giving up two runs on four hits, walking one and striking out one.

PETTIT GAME-BY-GAME

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	DP	IBB	W-L	SV	ERA
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern*	6.0	4	4	4	1	8	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0-0	0	6.00
Feb. 15	Mercer*	7.2	8	4	0	3	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	2.63
Feb. 22	AT Houston*	6.0	10	5	4	3	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1-1	0	3.66
Totals	(3 G-3 GS)	19.2	22	13	8	7	23	4	0	2	3	1	2	0	0	1-1	0	3.66

PETTIT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1999	15.43	0-0	3	0	0	0	2.1	5	5	4	2	3
2000	4.15	5-3	16	7	0	0	47.2	44	25	22	22	52
2001	2.42	4-0	7	4	0	0	26.0	21	9	7	7	25
2002	3.66	1-1	3	3	0	0	19.2	22	13	8	7	23
TOTAL	3.71	10-3	29	14	0	0	95.2	92	52	42	38	103

LSU's rotation for the remainder of the Long Beach series:

Saturday–So. LHP Lane Mestepey (1-0, 4.12)

Sunday–Jr. RHP Jake Tompkins (2-0, 4.05)



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LSU vs. Long Beach St.

Date	Site	Result
5/25/97	Baton Rouge*	LSU, 14-7 (11)
6/11/93	Omaha#	LSU, 6-5
6/9/93	Omaha#	LBSU, 10-8
6/4/93	Omaha#	LSU, 7-1
6/5/89	Omaha#	LSU, 8-5

*—NCAA South I Regional

#—College World Series

Overall: LSU leads, 4-1

At Baton Rouge: LSU leads, 1-0

At Omaha: LSU leads, 3-1

Skip Bertman vs. LBSU: 4-1

Dave Snow vs. LSU: 2-4%

%—Snow was 1-0 as coach at Loyola-Marymount against LSU, winning 4-3 in the 1986 CWS

LSU vs. other California schools

Date	Opponent	Result
5/24/87	CS Fullerton!^	LSU, 7-3
6/5/87	Stanford\$	Stan., 6-5 (10)
3/25/88	CS Fullerton@	CSF, 7-2
3/26/88	USC@	LSU, 10-7
3/27/88	UCLA@	LSU, 7-1
5/26/90	USC&	USC, 5-4
5/27/90	USC&^	LSU, 5-4
5/28/90	USC&^	LSU, 7-6
6/2/91	Fresno St.\$	LSU, 15-3
5/23/92	CS Fullerton&	CSF, 11-0
5/27/94	Fresno St.&	LSU, 6-2
5/28/94	USC&	LSU, 6-2
5/29/94	USC&^	LSU, 12-10
6/6/94	CS Fullerton\$	CSF, 20-6
5/25/97	Long Beach St.	LSU, 14-7 (11)
6/1/97	Stanford\$	LSU, 10-5
6/4/97	Stanford\$	LSU, 13-9
5/23/98	CS Fullerton&	LSU, 13-11
5/24/98	CS Fullerton&^	LSU, 14-3
5/30/98	USC\$	LSU, 12-10
6/4/98	USC\$	USC, 5-4
6/5/98	USC\$	USC, 7-3
6/2/00	UCLA#	LSU, 8-2
6/3/00	UCLA#	LSU, 14-8
6/12/00	USC\$	LSU, 10-4
6/17/00	Stanford\$^	LSU, 6-5

@—Busch Challenge, New Orleans

!—NCAA Regional, New Orleans

&—NCAA Regional, Alex Box Stadium

#—NCAA Super Regional

\$—College World Series, Omaha

^—championship round game

California comes to The Box

One of the remnants left from the Skip Bertman era is a two-year series with Long Beach St., with the first of that home-and-home coming this weekend at Alex Box Stadium.

The visit from the 49ers marks the first time ever that a school from California has come to Baton Rouge for a regular-season series. Several schools from the Golden State have visited The Box for NCAA regional play, including Long Beach's visit in 1997, where the 49ers went 2-2 and finished third behind LSU and South Alabama.

Five other California schools have trekked east to Baton Rouge seeking post-season glory: USC (1990 and 1994), Cal St. Fullerton (1992, 1995 and 1998), Fresno St. (1994), UCLA (2000) and California (2001).

Cal St. Fullerton has had by far the most success at The Box, going 4-0 in winning the 1992 and 1995 regionals here, with the 1995 championship serving as the springboard to the Titans' third national championship. Fullerton finished as runner-up to LSU in 1998, while USC came in second to the Tigers in both of its trips to Baton Rouge. Fresno St. was two-and-out in 1994, while California was 1-2 last year.

UCLA's appearances in Baton Rouge came in the 2000 Super Regional, which LSU won in two straight en route to its fifth national championship.

LSU has never visited California, but that will change with next year's trip to Blair Field. Of course, the Tigers could be visiting Stanford, USC or Fullerton for a regional or super regional later this year.

LSU's only previous regular-season games against California teams came at the 1988 Busch Challenge (later the Winn-Dixie Showdown) at the Superdome in New Orleans. In the second series of the tournament's 14-year run, LSU lost to Cal St. Fullerton before defeating USC and UCLA. The California schools also faced Tulane and UNO in that same tournament, with Fullerton going 3-0 to help Team California claim a 5-4 victory.



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A great series

There isn't much history between LSU and Long Beach St., but what history there is has been special. A look back at the five previous meetings:

6/5/89: LSU 8, Long Beach 5—The Tigers ended the 49ers first CWS appearance, as Tookie Johnson's bases-clearing double highlighted a six-run third inning to give LSU an 8-0 lead. Curtis Leskanic pitched 7.2 strong innings for his 15th win of the year, at the time a school record.

6/4/93: LSU 7, Long Beach 1—The 49ers had all-America hurler Daniel Choi on the mound in the teams' CWS opener, but a career day by Jim Greely (2 HR, 5 RBI) and Mike Sirotko's complete game three-hitter propelled the Tigers to an easy victory. Sirotko did not allow an earned run or a walk while striking out nine.

6/9/93: Long Beach 10, LSU 8—The Tigers appeared ready to claim its place in the title game, but the 49ers struck for four runs in the bottom of the eighth, including three against Sirotko, to force a third and final meeting. Greely again had a big day against the Dirtbags, going 3-for-4 with a pair of RBI, but it was New Orleans native Eddie Davis who was the hero with a pinch-hit, two-run homer for the Dirtbags.

6/11/93: LSU 6, Long Beach 5—In what is perhaps the greatest bottom of the ninth inning in LSU baseball history, the Tigers scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth off of ace reliever Gabe Gonzalez to advance to the final, with Todd Walker's base hit scoring Armando Rios with the winning run. LSU won its second national championship the next day with an 8-0 shutout of Wichita St.

5/25/97: LSU 14, Long Beach St. 7 (11 innings)—The Tigers had been ranked first for most of the year, but if they lost to the 49ers in this South I Regional elimination game, it would all be wasted. Indeed, the Dirtbags held a 7-6 lead in the eighth until Eddy Furniss' solo home run tied the game. In the bottom of the eighth, LSU coach Skip Bertman was ejected for arguing a balk. The event energized the Tigers, as Patrick Coogan settled down and throw four hitless innings of relief. LSU took the lead in the 11th on a bases-loaded walk to Clint Earnhart, and Wes Davis' two-run double would clinch the victory. The Tigers won twice the next day against South Alabama to advance to the CWS, and LSU defended its national title in the CWS by defeating Alabama in the final.

Tigers, Wave to battle in Dome
LSU and Tulane will be looking to break the NCAA single-game attendance record when the Tigers and Wave battle in the Superdome on April 10. The teams were scheduled to play April 9 at Zephyr Field, where the last seven meetings between the teams in the Big Easy took place.

The single-game record for attendance is 21,043, set in a 1996 game between Texas and TCU at the Ballpark in Arlington, the home of the Texas Rangers.

The largest crowd to see LSU play was in the 1997 national championship game against Alabama, when 24,401 saw the Tigers win their fourth title, 13-6. The largest regular season crowd for the Tigers was 14,378 in 1988 at Mississippi State.

LSU played in the Superdome from 1987-99 as part of the Winn-Dixie Showdown.

The California Connection

California has grown more big-league and collegiate baseball players than any other state in America, and LSU has certainly benefited from this very fertile ground, as five key Tiger players come from the Golden State.

One of those players won't be playing this weekend, and that's Visalia native Aaron Hill. Hill, the Tigers' starting shortstop and a 2001 freshman All-American, is out with a separated left shoulder.

The Californians who figure prominently into this weekend's series are right fielder Sean Barker (Bakersfield), designated hitter Eric Wiethorn (Newport Beach), first baseman/pitcher Jason Vargas (Apple Valley) and pitcher Jake Tompkins (Auburn). Another LSU player, starting center field David Raymer, is a North Carolina native but played his junior college ball at Sacramento City College.

One of LSU's most prominent players in recent years grew up less than four miles from the Long Beach campus. Catcher Brad Cresse (1997-2000), a two-time All-American, is a Seal Beach native and was heavily recruited by former 49er coach Dave Snow before signing with LSU for the 1997 season.



Homer drought (again)

For the second time in three weekends, LSU went an entire three-game series without a home run. In fact, neither the Tigers nor Houston hit one out in the three-game series. LSU, which has six home runs this season, entered the Houston series having hit a home run in its previous five games. The Tigers' only two-home run game was on Feb. 20 at Centenary.

LSU also went its entire season-opening series against Birmingham-Southern without hitting one out.

This marks the second time in three years the Cougars didn't allow a homer to LSU in a three-game set. Houston held the Tigers in the park for all of the 2000 series at Alex Box Stadium in the Cougars' three-game sweep. LSU hit three home runs in sweeping Houston in 2001 at Baton Rouge. LSU also failed to hit a home run last year while getting swept at Arkansas.

Defense rests?

Unearned run. It may not affect a pitcher's ERA, but for pitchers and coaches alike, those words are two of the most dreaded in baseball's vocabulary, because unearned runs are results of poor defense, something LSU can relate to in recent games.

The Tigers committed 12 errors in the three-game series at Houston last weekend, including seven in the Cougars' 12-11 victory in the series finale. LSU has now committed 27 errors in 11 games, and has committed at least three or more miscues in five games.

On their current pace, the Tigers will shatter the school record for errors in a season, which is 125 in 71 games in 1993, which mattered little as LSU won its second national championship that year.

The seven errors against Houston are one shy of a school record set against Auburn in 1984. LSU's high for error last year was six in 13-3 loss to Tulane on Mar. 7.

The seven errors Sunday led to eight unearned runs, giving LSU opponents 21 unearned runs in 11 games, and in three games, the Tigers have yielded four or more unearned runs. Last year, 108 LSU errors led to 74 unearned runs. The single-season record for unearned runs is 91 set in 1994.

The Hit Parade

LSU may have won only once at Houston, but the series against the Cougars seems to have pulled the Tigers out of their hitting slump.

LSU collected 30 hits over the final two games with the Cougars, raising the Tigers' season batting average to .297. The last two games against Houston mark the first time LSU has had 30 hits in back-to-back games since getting 32 in the last two games of last year's series with Vanderbilt.

LSU has now collected at least 15 hits in three of its last five outings.

Prior to the Houston series, only Sean Barker was hitting above .300, but now four Tigers are: Barker (.422), Eric Wiethorn (.409), J.C. Holt (.333) and Wally Pontiff (.324).

Still in the Top 10

LSU lost two of three to Houston, and as expected, fell in all three polls this week. The good news is that the Tigers remain ranked in the top 10 of all three surveys.

The Tigers dropped five places in the Collegiate Baseball poll, from third to eighth, while dropping four places in the other two polls, going from third to seventh in the ESPN/Baseball Weekly coaches' poll, and going from fifth to ninth in the Baseball America poll.

LSU is one of three SEC teams ranked in the top 10 this week. South Carolina is in the top five of all three polls, while Florida is in ahead of LSU in both Collegiate Baseball and Baseball Weekly. Alabama, Ole Miss and Mississippi St. round out the list of ranked teams from the league.



Pontiff heating up

Maybe all Wally Pontiff needed was a night off. After taking his first break in 88 games at Centenary last Wednesday, the Tigers' third baseman and captain found his stroke at Houston.

Pontiff led the Tigers by going 7-for-12 (.583) in the three games at Cougar Field and driving in three runs in each of the last two games. His three-run double in the sixth inning of Saturday's game gave the Tigers a lead they would not relinquish, and he had two hits in an eight-run sixth inning on Sunday. Pontiff went 3-for-5 over the weekend with runners in scoring position, compared to just 1-for-14 in the Tigers' first seven games.

Prior to the Houston series, Pontiff was batting just .200 (5-for-25), but the weekend in Space City boosted his season mark to .324. He is also tied for the SEC lead in walks with teammate Matt Heath with 12.

Hits falling into Gill's net

Blake Gill may be hitting .289 on the season, but that's not an indication of how hard he's been hitting the ball. But after the Houston series, maybe the redshirt freshman infielder's luck is changing for the better.

Gill batted an even .500 against the Cougars, going 7-for-14 with a team-high four runs scored. Gill went 3-for-5 both on Saturday and Sunday, giving him three three-hit games this year, the most on the team along with Sean Barker. Combined with his 4-for-4 game against Mercer on Feb. 17, Gill has gone 11-for-22 after starting the season 0-for-16.

Gill has also been doing this while making the adjustment defensively from first base to second after the injury to shortstop Aaron Hill that forced Rocky Scelfo and J.C. Holt to split time at short.

David has two good outings, no luck

Brad David struggled in his early outing, but he has come through with two solid outings in his last three appearances. The only problem is that the LSU defense has let him down.

Last Wednesday against Centenary, David had two out in the sixth inning with a 3-0 lead, but an error prevented the third out of the inning, then a three-run double gave the Gents the lead and signaled David's exit.

On Sunday, David allowed just one run in 3.1 innings of relief and stood to be the winning pitcher, but three errors in the bottom of the ninth squandered the lead and gave David a frustrating no-decision.

Despite the inability to earn a win, David still lowered his ERA by nearly four runs from 9.00 to 5.06.

The revolving door

LSU's starting lineup is still in a state of flux, as 17 different position players have started at least one game this year. The Tigers have not had the same exact lineup in any two games this year.

Six of those players are freshman, and one, Clay Harris, has started both at a position (third base) and on the mound.

In 2001, a total of 16 players started at least one game in the field, but only one, Aaron Hill, was a freshman.

Big sixth

The Tigers' lucky number against Houston seemed to be six. In the three-game series with the Cougars, LSU scored 14 of its 22 runs in the sixth inning, including an eight-run outburst on Sunday and a five-run uprising on Saturday.

LSU has scored 18 runs in the sixth inning this year, second only to the 23 scored in the seventh inning. But the Tigers are batting .400 (22-for-55) in the sixth this year, the best batting average in any inning. By contrast, the Tigers have been horrible in the second and eighth innings, as LSU is hitting a meager .132 (5-for-38) in both of those frames.

Wally Pontiff certainly likes the sixth inning, as his 6-for-8 mark with 6 RBI in that inning represents two-thirds of his hits and 60 percent of his RBI on the season.



Baseball America (2/25)	
1.	Stanford (9-4)
2.	Clemson (3-0)
3.	Florida St. (12-4)
4.	Rice (10-1)
5.	South Carolina (9-0)
6.	Miami (8-4)
7.	Georgia Tech (8-1)
8.	Notre Dame (1-2)
9.	LSU (8-3)
10.	Wichita St. (5-0)
11.	Cal St. Fullerton (9-4)
12.	Florida (10-0)
13.	Nebraska (3-3)
14.	Texas (12-2)
15.	Tulane (7-3)
16.	Baylor (7-4)
17.	USC (5-5)
18.	Wake Forest (7-1)
19.	Texas A&M (10-2)
20.	Ole Miss (6-1)
21.	Arizona St. (8-5)
22.	Alabama (8-0)
23.	East Carolina (7-0)
24.	San Diego (13-3)
25.	Houston (6-4)

Collegiate Baseball (2/25)	
1.	Stanford (9-4)
2.	Florida St. (12-4)
3.	Clemson (3-0)
4.	South Carolina (9-0)
5.	Rice (10-1)
6.	Florida (10-0)
7.	Wichita St. (5-0)
8.	LSU (8-3)
9.	Texas (12-2)
10.	Ole Miss (8-1)
11.	Wake Forest (7-1)
12.	Tulane (7-3)
13.	Oklahoma St. (6-2)
14.	Cal St. Fullerton (9-4)
15.	Georgia Tech (8-1)
16.	Miami (8-4)
17.	Texas A&M (10-2)
18.	Arizona St. (8-5)
19.	Nebraska (3-3)
20.	Alabama (8-0)
21.	Long Beach St. (6-3)
22.	Texas Tech (13-4)
23.	Baylor (7-4)
24.	Notre Dame (1-2)
25.	Ohio St. (3-0-1)
26.	East Carolina (7-0)
27.	Mississippi St. (1-1-1)
28.	UL-Lafayette (7-3)
29.	Arizona (14-4)
30.	Stetson (8-0)

ESPN/Baseball Weekly (2/25)	
1.	Florida St. (12-4)
2.	Stanford (9-4)
3.	Clemson (3-0)
4.	South Carolina (9-0)
5.	Rice (10-1)
6.	Florida (10-0)
7.	LSU (8-3)
8.	Cal St. Fullerton (9-4)
9.	Georgia Tech (8-1)
10.	Miami (8-4)
11.	Texas (12-2)
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20.	USC (5-5)
21.	Nebraska (3-3)
22.	Baylor (7-4)
23.	Alabama (8-0)
24.	Long Beach St. (6-3)
25.	Stetson (8-0)

About LSU's 8-3 Record...	
Home.....	6-1
Away.....	2-2
Neutral.....	0-0
Day.....	4-1
Night.....	4-2
Turf.....	0-0
Indoors.....	0-0
Extra Innings.....	1-0
One-Run Games.....	3-2
Doubleheaders (W-L-S).....	0-0-0
SEC.....	0-0
Non-Conference.....	8-3
Vs. Ranked Teams*.....	0-0
Vs. in-state.....	1-1
Vs. Southland.....	0-1
Vs. C-USA.....	1-2
Vs. Big West.....	0-0
Vs. Atlantic Sun.....	3-0
Vs. Big South.....	3-0
Vs. Sun Belt.....	0-0
Vs. Independents.....	1-0
Vs. RH starters.....	5-1
Vs. LH starters.....	3-2
With RH starter.....	4-3
With LH starter.....	4-0
When Scoring First.....	5-1

When opp. scores first.....	3-2
Leading after 7.....	6-2
Tied after 7.....	0-0
Trailing after 7.....	1-1
Leading after 8.....	5-1
Tied after 8.....	1-0
Trailing after 8.....	2-2
When Scoring 10+.....	3-1
When Scoring <4.....	0-2
When Allowing 10+.....	0-2
When Allowing <4.....	1-0
When both score 10+.....	0-0
With 10+ Hits.....	5-1
Yielding 10+ Hits.....	0-3
Yielding <5 hits.....	
With <5 Hits.....	0-0
More Hits.....	4-0
Fewer Hits.....	3-3
Equal Hits.....	1-0
Starters.....	4-1
Relievers.....	4-2
Starter Goes 6+ inn.....	6-2
Starter Goes <4 inn.....	2-1
With no HR.....	4-2
With 3+ HR.....	0-0
Allowing no HR.....	4-3
Allowing 3+ HR.....	0-0
Sunday.....	2-1

Tuesday.....	0-1
Wednesday.....	1-0
Friday.....	2-1
Saturday.....	3-0
Game 1 of series.....	2-1
Game 2 of series.....	3-0
Game 3 of series.....	2-1
White.....	2-1
Purple.....	2-0
Black.....	3-0
Gray.....	1-2
Blown Saves.....	5
Games won on final AB.....	3
Games lost on final AB.....	1
Comeback wins.....	6
Comeback losses.....	2
Shutouts.....	0
Times shut out.....	0
Longest Game.....	4:23
(BSC, 2/9 in 13 innings)	
Shortest Game.....	2:30
(Mercer, 2/17)	
*—ranked at time of game	



Notes on the Tigers—Position Players

#36 RF Sean Barker

Sr.-1L, 6-3, 225, Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield CC)

- Named SEC Player of the Week on Feb. 11 for his 9-for-15, 7 RBI effort in Birmingham-Southern series to open season.
- The Tigers' leader in batting average, slugging percentage and stolen bases.
- Went 4-for-6 with 3 RBI in season-opener vs. Birmingham-Southern (Feb. 8).
- Collected season high 4 RBI in finale of BSC series (Feb. 10).
- Hit first LSU home run of season vs. Southeastern La. (Feb. 12).

Barker Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern*	6	1	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.667
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern*	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	.636
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern*	4	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	.600
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.*	4	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.579
Feb. 15	Mercer*	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	.500
Feb. 16	Mercer*	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	.520
Feb. 17	Mercer*	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.464
Feb. 20	at Centenary*	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.406
Feb. 22	at Houston*	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	.389
Feb. 23	at Houston*	5	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.415
Feb. 24	at Houston*	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.422
Totals	(11 G-11 GS)	45	9	19	17	1	0	1	7	0	5	1	0	0	4	1	7	.422

#39 1B Jason Columbus

Jr.-JC, 6-5, 235, Alamogordo, N.M. (New Mexico JC)

- Has been in mix among several players at first base.
- Was the NJCAA home run champion at New Mexico JC in 2001.

Columbus Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern*	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.*	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.286
Feb. 16	Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Feb. 17	Mercer	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Feb. 20	at Centenary*	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.300
Feb. 24	at Houston*	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Totals	(7 G-4 GS)	12	3	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	.250

#3 IF Blake Gill

Fr.-RS, 5-10, 195, Bradenton, Fla. (Manatee HS)

- Has started at both first and second base for the Tigers.
- Went 4-for-4 and scored three runs to break 0-for-16 drought in third game of Mercer series (Feb. 17).
- Went 7-for-14 in series at Houston (Feb. 22-24), getting three hits in each of the final two games of the series

Gill Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern*	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern*	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 15	Mercer*	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 16	Mercer*	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Feb. 17	Mercer*	4	3	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Feb. 20	at Centenary*	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.167
Feb. 22	at Houston*	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.179
Feb. 23	at Houston*	5	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	.242
Feb. 24	at Houston*	5	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.289
Totals	(11 G-9 GS)	38	8	11	2	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	.289



#7 OF Dustin Hahn

Fr.-HS, 6-0, 220, Reno, Nev. (Galena HS)

- > Another of the Tigers' terrific freshmen.
- > Hit first career home run in pinch-hitting role at Centenary (Feb. 20).
- > The son of former New York Mets outfielder Don Hahn.

Hahn Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern*	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Feb. 15	Mercer*	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.111
Feb. 16	Mercer*	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Feb. 17	Mercer*	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Feb. 20	at Centenary	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Feb. 22	at Houston*	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.190
Feb. 23	at Houston*	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.227
Feb. 24	at Houston	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Totals	(10 G-6 GS)	25	3	6	5	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	.240

#6 OF Matt Heath

Sr.-1L, 6-0, 200, Fernandina Beach, Fla. (Florida)

- > The only switch hitter in the LSU lineup.
- > Has made smooth transition from catcher to the outfield.
- > Had career day vs. Mercer (Feb. 17), going 3-for-4 and driving in a career high six runs. Heath came into that game with no RBI on the season.

Heath Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern*	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern*	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	.333
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern*	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.*	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Feb. 15	Mercer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.188
Feb. 16	Mercer*	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.176
Feb. 17	Mercer*	4	3	3	6	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.286
Feb. 20	at Centenary*	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.292
Feb. 22	at Houston*	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	.296
Feb. 23	at Houston*	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.281
Feb. 24	at Houston*	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.278
Totals	(11 G-10 GS)	36	12	10	6	3	1	0	12	1	3	2	0	1	1	0	9	.278

#5 SS Aaron Hill

So.-1L, 5-11, 196, Visalia, Calif. (Redwood HS)

- > Out 2-to-4 weeks with a third-degree separation of the AC joint in his left shoulder.
 - > Injured shoulder making diving catch vs. Mercer (Feb. 16)
- > Hit safely in all six games in which he played prior to the injury.
- > Had game-winning two-run double in 13th inning of victory over Birmingham-Southern (Feb. 9).
- > A 2001 freshman All-American, he was drafted in the seventh round of the 2000 draft by the Anaheim Angels.

Hill Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern*	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	.333
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern*	6	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	.222
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern*	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.*	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Feb. 15	Mercer*	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.261
Feb. 16	Mercer*	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.280
Totals	(6 G-6 GS)	25	5	7	6	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	.280



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#1 2B J.C. Holt

Fr.-HS, 5-8, 163, Sieper (Oak Hill HS)

- > Has started at both shortstop and second base this year.
- > The fastest player on LSU's roster.
- > Had back-to-back 2-hit games in wins over Mercer (Feb. 16-17).
- > Collected first two-RBI game at Houston (Feb. 24).

Holt Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern*	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 15	Mercer*	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.167
Feb. 16	Mercer*	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.300
Feb. 17	Mercer*	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.357
Feb. 20	at Centenary	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Feb. 22	at Houston*	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.353
Feb. 23	at Houston*	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Feb. 24	at Houston	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Totals	(10 G-6 GS)	24	6	8	3	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	5	.333

#8 C Chris Phillips

Sr.-1L, 6-0, 217, Shreveport (Northwestern St.)

- > Gives Tigers veteran presence behind the plate.
- > Went 2-for-3 with a double in homecoming at Centenary (Feb. 20).

Phillips Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.*	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 16	Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 17	Mercer*	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	.250
Feb. 20	at Centenary*	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.429
Feb. 22	at Houston*	4	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.364
Totals	(5 G-4 GS)	11	2	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	.364

#31 3B Wally Pontiff

Jr.-2L, 6-0, 200, Metairie (Jesuit HS)

- > Tigers' team captain; a career .345 hitter.
- > Led LSU by going 7-for-12 with 6 RBI at Houston (Feb. 22-24)
- > Had bases-clearing double to give LSU the lead for good in win at Houston (Feb. 23).
- > Had two hits in sixth inning in series finale at Houston (Feb. 24).
- > Drove in game-winning run in bottom of the ninth in season opener vs. Birmingham-Southern (Feb. 8)
- > Launched two-run home run in win over Mercer (Feb. 15).
- > Played in 88 consecutive games before sitting out contest at Centenary (Feb. 20).

Pontiff Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern*	4	1	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern*	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	.333
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern*	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.231
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.*	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.176
Feb. 15	Mercer*	3	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Feb. 16	Mercer*	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.238
Feb. 17	Mercer*	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Feb. 22	at Houston*	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Feb. 23	at Houston*	4	0	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Feb. 24	at Houston*	4	1	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.324
Totals	(10 G-10 GS)	37	6	12	10	3	0	1	12	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	4	.324



#2 CF David Raymer

Sr.-1L, 5-10, 190, Apex, N.C. (Sacramento City College)

- Stroked two-run double with two out in the ninth to give LSU one-run win at Centenary (Feb. 20). Collected a career high 3 RBI in the win over the Gents.

Raymer Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern*	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern*	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern*	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.125
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.*	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	.182
Feb. 15	Mercer*	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	.308
Feb. 16	Mercer*	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Feb. 17	Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Feb. 20	at Centenary*	4	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Feb. 22	at Houston*	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.217
Feb. 23	at Houston*	5	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.214
Feb. 24	at Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Totals	(11 G-9 GS)	28	6	6	7	2	0	0	9	0	2	1	5	2	0	0	10	.214

#4 SS/2B Rocky Scelfo

Fr.-RS, 6-2, 195, Lafayette (St. Thomas More HS)

- Talented freshman has moved from second base to shortstop for injured Aaron Hill.
- Has three 2-hit games.
- Collected first 2-RBI game against Mercer (Feb. 17).
- Nephew of Tulane football coach Chris Scelfo.

Scelfo Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern*	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.400
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.375
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern*	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.417
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.*	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.312
Feb. 15	Mercer	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.278
Feb. 16	Mercer	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.300
Feb. 17	Mercer*	4	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	.292
Feb. 20	at Centenary*	5	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.310
Feb. 22	at Houston	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.323
Feb. 23	at Houston	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.303
Feb. 24	at Houston*	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Totals	(11 G-6 GS)	35	9	10	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	3	.286

#25 P/DH Jason Vargas

Fr.-HS, 5-11, 203, Apple Valley, Calif. (Apple Valley HS)

- A two-way freshman sensation.
- Hit a pinch-hit grand slam to give LSU the lead for good in win over Mercer (Feb. 16)
- Retired four batters in order in 1.1 inning relief stint vs. Mercer (Feb. 17). Also went 2-for-5 with three runs scored in that victory.
- Left team during fall practice, but returned for spring semester.

Vargas Game-by-Game: Hitting

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 15	Mercer*	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 16	Mercer	1	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500
Feb. 17	Mercer*	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.429
Feb. 20	at Centenary	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.375
Feb. 22	at Houston*	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.231
Feb. 23	at Houston*	5	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.278
Feb. 24	at Houston	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Totals	(8 G-4 GS)	21	7	6	7	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	.286

Vargas Game-by-Game: Pitching

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	DP	IBB	W-L	SV	ERA
Feb. 17	Mercer	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0.00



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#14 C Darren Welch

Sr.-TR, 6-1, 210, Laurel, Miss. (Southern Miss)

- Transfer gives Tigers major college experience behind the plate.
- Had two-run single in season opener vs. Birmingham-Southern (Feb. 8).

Welch Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern*	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.250
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern*	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.200
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Feb. 15	Mercer*	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.111
Feb. 16	Mercer*	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.083
Feb. 20	at Centenary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.083
Feb. 23	at Houston*	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.125
Feb. 24	at Houston*	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.100
Totals	(9 G-6 GS)	20	3	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	6	.100

#47 DH/1B Eric Wiethorn

Jr.-1L, 6-2, 205, Newport Beach, Calif. (Orange County JC)

- One of Tigers' more consistent hitters when inserted into lineup.
- Clouted first career home run at Centenary (Feb. 20).
- Had two-run single in win over Birmingham-Southern (Feb. 10).

Wiethorn Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern*	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.333
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.400
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern*	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.429
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.375
Feb. 15	Mercer	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.444
Feb. 16	Mercer	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	.455
Feb. 20	at Centenary*	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.462
Feb. 23	at Houston	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500
Feb. 24	at Houston*	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.409
Totals	(9 G-4 GS)	22	8	9	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.409

#16 C Jon Zeringue

Fr.-HS, 6-1, 215, Thibodaux (E.D. White HS)

- The Tigers' catcher of the future, he turned down a sizable signing bonus to enroll at LSU.
- Went 3-for-4 in first LSU start vs. SLU (Feb. 12)
- Got first position start in left field at Houston (Feb. 24)
- A third-round pick of the Chicago White Sox in the 2001 draft.

Zeringue Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.*	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.750
Feb. 15	Mercer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.600
Feb. 16	Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	.600
Feb. 17	Mercer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500
Feb. 24	at Houston*	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.429
Totals	(7 G-2 GS)	7	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	.429

Notes on the Tigers—Pitchers

#30 LH Brad David

Jr.-1L, 6-0, 187, Baton Rouge (Catholic HS)

- Veteran southpaw who is part of deep LSU bullpen.
- Allowed no earned runs in 2.2 inning stint at Centenary (Feb. 20).
- Had solid 3.1 inning outing at Houston (Feb. 24), giving up one run on three hits.
- Pitched scoreless inning vs. Birmingham-Southern in season opener (Feb. 8).



David Game-by-Game (cont.)

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	DP	IBB	W-L	SV	FRA
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0.00
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern	1.2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	3.38
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.	1.1	3	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-1	0	9.00
Feb. 20	at Centenary	2.2	3	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0-1	0	5.40
Feb. 22	at Houston	0.2	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-1	0	6.14
Feb. 24	at Houston	3.1	3	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-1	0	5.06
Totals	(6 G)	10.2	14	10	6	5	6	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0-1	0	5.06

#33 LH Jason Determann

Fr.-HS, 5-10, 168, Baton Rouge (Catholic HS)

- Talented true freshman who will be top pitcher for years to come.
- Made emergency start at Centenary (Feb. 20) and threw 3.0 scoreless innings and striking out three.
- Did not pitch in Houston series (Feb. 22-24) due to sore elbow.
- Got first career win with 4.0 inning relief stint vs. Birmingham-Southern (Feb. 9), giving up just one run in extra innings.
- Allowing a miniscule .154 batting average against, the best figure for the Tigers.

Determann Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	DP	IBB	W-L	SV	FRA
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern	4.0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	2.25
Feb. 20	at Centenary*	3.0	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	1.29
Totals	(2 G-1 GS)	7.0	4	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	1.29

#10 RH Lukas Guidroz

Jr.-JC, 5-10, 180, Lockport (Enterprise State CC)

- Pitched scoreless ninth inning in first career outing vs. Mercer (Feb. 17).

Guidroz Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	DP	IBB	W-L	SV	FRA
Feb. 17	Mercer	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0.00
Feb. 22	at Houston	0.1	2	3	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0	0	20.25
Totals	(2 G)	1.1	2	3	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0-0	0	20.25	

#44 RH Weylin Guidry

Sr.-3L, 6-0, 205, Luling (Hahnville HS)

- Tigers' top closer on national championship team of 2000, when he earned seven saves.
- Pitched 1.1 scoreless innings on two occasions in 2002—vs. Birmingham-Southern (Feb. 10) and Mercer (Feb. 17).
- One of only two fifth-year seniors in the LSU program.

Guidry Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	DP	IBB	W-L	SV	FRA
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern	0.1	1	3	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	81.00
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern	1.1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	16.20
Feb. 15	Mercer	1.1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0-0	1	9.00
Feb. 20	at Centenary	1.2	3	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1	9.64
Feb. 24	at Houston	2.0	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1	8.10
Totals	(5 G)	6.2	9	7	6	5	5	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0-0	1	8.10	

#21 P/3B Clay Harris

Fr.-HS, 6-4, 228, Slidell (Slidell HS)

- One of two fantastic freshmen who can hit and pitch.
- Hit grand slam in second career plate appearance vs. Mercer (Feb. 17)
- Got first career start at third base vs. Centenary (Feb. 20).
- Was forced into first career start on Feb. 24 at Houston, going 2.0 innings.
- Went 5.1 innings to earn victory vs. Mercer (Feb. 16).
- Threw 1.2 perfect innings of relief vs. SLU (Feb. 12).



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Harris Game-by-Game: Hitting

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	IBB	SB	CS	HBP	SAC	SF	GDP	K	Avg
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 16	Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Feb. 17	Mercer	1	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Feb. 20	at Centenary*	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.400
Totals	(4 G-1 GS)	5	2	2	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.400

Harris Game-by-Game: Pitching

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	DP	IBB	W-L	SV	ERA
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern	1.0	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0-0	0	18.00
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.	1.2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	6.75
Feb. 16	Mercer	5.1	3	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	3.38
Feb. 24	at Houston*	2.0	8	6	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	4.50
Totals	(4 G-1 GS)	10.0	14	9	5	1	8	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1-0	0	4.50

#46 LH Lane Mestepey

So.-1L, 6-0, 187, Zachary (Central Private School)

- The 2001 SEC and National Freshman of the Year.
- Led the SEC in wins (11) and ERA (3.75) in 2001.
- Has never lost a game to a non-SEC opponent.
- Pitched fifth complete game at Houston (Feb. 23), allowing no runs after the fifth inning and one run on six hits over the final seven innings.
- Pitched strong 7.0 innings against Birmingham-Southern (Feb. 9), taking a shutout into the eighth inning.

Mestepey Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	DP	IBB	W-L	SV	ERA
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern*	7.0	6	2	2	1	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	2.57
Feb. 16	Mercer*	3.2	9	5	4	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0-0	0	5.06
Feb. 23	at Houston*	9.0	11	4	3	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	4.12
Totals	(3 G-3 GS)	19.2	26	11	9	4	11	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1-0	0	4.12

Bo Pettit—see page 2 of these notes.

#12 RH Jake Tompkins

Jr.-JC, 5-11, 197, Auburn, Calif. (Sacramento City College)

- Has recovered from back surgery in the fall to become one of the Tigers' weekend starters.
- Allowing just a .222 batting average against.
- Earned win in first career start vs. Birmingham-Southern (Feb. 10), striking out seven in 6.2 innings.
- Went to 2-0 with another good outing against Mercer (Feb. 17), allowing just one run and striking out six in 6.2 innings.
- Missed his scheduled start at Houston (Feb. 24) due to a strained oblique muscle.

Tompkins Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	DP	IBB	W-L	SV	ERA
Feb. 10	Birmingham-Southern*	6.2	6	5	5	4	7	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	6.75
Feb. 17	Mercer*	6.2	4	1	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-0	0	4.05
Totals	(2 G-2 GS)	13.1	10	6	6	5	13	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2-0	0	4.05

#23 RH Chad Vaught

Jr.-1L, 6-4, 225, Ferriday (Huntington Academy)

- Four-year program pitcher provides reliable veteran arm for midweek games.
- Was scratched from start at Centenary (Feb. 20) due to sore arm, and has not pitched in more than two weeks.
- Had strong start vs. SLU (Feb. 12), giving up just one run on five hits and fanning eight.
- Had pitched in only one inning prior to this year.

Vaught Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	DP	IBB	W-L	SV	ERA
Feb. 12	Southeastern La.*	6.0	5	1	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	1.50



#38 RH Brian Wilson

So.-1L, 6-1, 205, Londonderry, N.H. (Londonderry HS)

- The Tigers' closer with a blazing fastball.
- Picked up win at Centenary (Feb. 20) with 1.2 innings of hitless relief.
- Was winner in season opener vs. Birmingham-Southern (Feb. 8)
- Had superb 3.0 scoreless inning stint in last year's Super Regional at Tulane.
- The first LSU baseball player to hail from the Granite State.

Wilson Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	DP	IBB	W-L	SV	ERA
Feb. 8	Birmingham-Southern	1.2	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	0.00
Feb. 9	Birmingham-Southern	0.1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	4.50
Feb. 20	at Centenary	1.2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-0	0	2.45
Feb. 24	at Houston	1.1	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2-1	0	1.80
Totals	(4 G)	5.0	7	6	1	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2-1	0	1.80



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Baseball Coaching Staff
 Head Coach: Ray "Smoke" Laval (Jacksonville, 1977, 13th year overall at LSU)
 Record at LSU: 8-3 (1st year)
 Overall Record: 249-162 (8th year)
 Pitching/Third Base Coach: Dan Canevari (Miami, Fla., 1980; 12th year)
 Hitting/First Base Coach/Recruiting Coordinator: Henry "Turtle" Thomas (High Point, 1975; 3rd year)
 Volunteer Coach: Jody Autrey (LSU, 2001; 3rd year)
 Administrative Assistant: Brady Wiederhold (Kennesaw St., 1994; 1st year)

Baseball Support Staff
 Trainer: Shawn Eddy (West Virginia, 1994; 6th year)
 Strength Coach: Jim Nowell (Southern Miss, 1990; 2nd year)
 Publicist: Bill Franques (LSU, 1985; 14th year)
 Secretary: Virginia Robertson (9th year)
 Equipment Managers: George Branigan (2nd year), B.J. Branigan (1st year), Ryan Babin (1st year), Stedman Nall (1st year)
 Student Trainer: Dawn Didier (1st year)

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For player interviews, please contact publicist Bill Franques. Players are generally available before and after practice. Practices are usually held starting at 1 p.m. in Alex Box Stadium and are open to the media.

LSU coach Smoke Laval
 Ray "Smoke" Laval may be following a legend at LSU in Skip Bertman, but Laval is no stranger to the LSU program, having served 10 years (1984-93) under Bertman as his top assistant and as a graduate assistant to Jack Lamabe (1979) before that.

Laval, who was named Bertman's successor on July 18, 2000, came back to Baton Rouge after seven successful seasons at Louisiana-Monroe. Laval guided the Indians to a 241-159 record from 1994-2000 and led ULM to three NCAA regional appearances, including the regional final in 2000 against LSU. He was named the Southland Conference Coach of the year in 1999 and led the Indians to the SLC crown in 1999 and 2000.

During Laval's tenure as Bertman's top assistant, LSU won 483 games, reached the College World Series five times, and won the national championship in 1991 and 1993. Laval worked with 24 future major league players during that time and recruited nine first-team All-Americans.

Laval's Career Record

<u>Year</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
1994	UL-Monroe	20-33	.377
1995	UL-Monroe	37-20	.649
1996	UL-Monroe	41-19	.683
1997	UL-Monroe	33-21	.611
1998	UL-Monroe	33-22	.600
1999	UL-Monroe	36-22	.621
2000	UL-Monroe	41-22	.651
2002	LSU	8-3	.727
UL-Monroe (7 yrs.)		241-159	.603
Overall		249-162	.606

- Coming up next week
- The Tigers continue their 11-game homestand with four contests against in-state rivals.
- Tulane visits Alex Box Stadium Tuesday for the renewal of one of college baseball's most intense rivalries. The Green Wave won four of five from LSU last year, including a 2-1 victory in the NCAA Super Regional at Zephyr Field. The Wave won 13-3 last year at Baton Rouge in a game that saw LSU commit six errors, and won the regular season meeting at Zephyr Field, 7-6. The teams will meet again on April 10 at the Superdome, and LSU leads the all-time series, 151-114-3.
- Smoke Laval's former team, UL-Monroe, visits Baton Rouge next weekend for a three-game set. The two teams split last year's games, with each team winning on the other's home field, with ULM taking a 7-6, 11-inning victory at Baton Rouge and the Tigers winning 16-4 at Indian Field. Laval was 3-8 against the Tigers during his seven years (1994-2000) as the Indians' coach. The Tigers will visit Indian Field on April 23, marking the first time that LSU has visited Monroe in back-to-back years.



2002 LSU GAME-BY-GAME LOG (8-3)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time	LSU r-h-e	Opp. r-h-e	W-L-SV (LSU in CAPS)	Time	A (paid)
2/2	LSU ALUMNI-3	W, 4-3	4-14-0	3-7-0	TOMPKINS-Greene	2:53	4,842
2/8	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN	W, 10-9	10-12-3	9-9-3	WILSON-Hicks	3:16	7,223
2/9	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN	W, 6-5 (13)	6-10-4	5-11-3	DETERMANN-Godwin	4:23	7,168
2/10	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN	W, 11-7	11-9-0	7-9-5	TOMPKINS-Johnson	3:13	7,047
2/12	SOUTHEASTERN LA.	L, 4-3	3-7-3	4-8-2	Gonzales-DAVID-Stempel	2:48	7,624
2/15	MERCER	W, 7-4	7-8-1	4-10-4	PETTIT-Morrison-GUIDRY	2:53	7,200
2/16	MERCER	W, 9-6	9-9-1	6-12-1	HARRIS-Stone	2:56	7,547
2/17	MERCER	W, 17-1	17-15-0	1-4-3	TOMPKINS-Jones	2:30	7,562
2/20	at Centenary-1	W, 7-6	7-10-2	6-8-1	WILSON-Buhl	2:58	3,559
2/22	at Houston	L, 11-3	3-8-4	11-18-0	SULLIVAN-Pettit	3:22	3,335
2/23	at Houston	W, 8-4	8-16-1	4-11-3	MESTEPEY-Wagner	2:53	4,098
2/24	at Houston	L, 12-11	11-14-7	12-17-2	Crain-WILSON	3:21	3,788
3/1	LONG BEACH ST.	6:30					
3/2	LONG BEACH ST.	2					
3/3	LONG BEACH ST.	1					
3/5	TULANE	6:30					
3/8	UL-MONROE	6:30					
3/9	UL-MONROE	2					
3/10	UL-MONROE	1					
3/12	UL-LAFAYETTE	6:30					
3/15	VANDERBILT	6:30					
3/16	VANDERBILT	2					
3/17	VANDERBILT	1					
3/19	at UL-Lafayette	6:30					
3/22	at Ole Miss	6:30					
3/23	at Ole Miss	1:30					
3/24	at Ole Miss	1:30					
3/26	at Southeastern La.	6					
3/29	MISS. ST.	6:30					
3/30	MISS. ST.	2					
3/31	MISS. ST.	1					
4/2	UNO	6:30					
4/3	at N.O. Zephyrs-2, 3	7:05					
4/5	at Auburn	6:30					
4/6	at Auburn	3					
4/7	at Auburn	1:30					
4/10	at Tulane-4	7					
4/12	GEORGIA	6:30					
4/13	GEORGIA	2					
4/14	GEORGIA	1					
4/16	SOUTHERN	6:30					
4/19	at S. Carolina	7 ET					
4/20	at S. Carolina	4 ET					
4/21	at S. Carolina	1:30 ET					
4/23	at UL-Monroe	6:30					
4/26	ARKANSAS	6:30					
4/27	ARKANSAS	2					
4/28	ARKANSAS	1					
4/30	at New Orleans-2	6:30					
5/3	at Tennessee	7 ET					
5/4	at Tennessee	4 ET					
5/5	at Tennessee	2 ET					
5/10	at Florida	6:30 ET					
5/11	at Florida	4 ET					
5/12	at Florida	1 ET					
5/17	ALABAMA	6:30					
5/18	ALABAMA	2					
5/19	ALABAMA	1					

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2—at Zephyr Field, Metairie

3—Exhibition

4—at Louisiana Superdome



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2002 LSU FIGHTING TIGER BASEBALL ROSTER
(hometown is located in Louisiana unless noted)

No.	Name	Pos	B/T	Ht	Wt	Cl-Exp.	Hometown (High School/JC)
1	J.C. Holt	2B	L/R	5-8	163	FR-HS	Sieper (Oak Hill HS)
2	David Raymer	OF	L/R	5-10	190	SR-1L	Apex, N.C. (Sacramento City College)
3	Blake Gill	1B	L/R	5-11	195	FR-RS	Bradenton, Fla. (Manatee HS)
4	Rocky Scelfo	2B/SS	R/R	6-2	195	FR-RS	Youngsville (St. Thomas More HS)
5	Aaron Hill	SS	R/R	5-11	196	SO-1L	Visalia, Calif. (Redwood HS)
6	Matt Heath	OF	B/R	6-0	200	SR-1L	Fernandina Beach, Fla. (Florida)
7	Dustin Hahn	OF	L/R	6-0	220	FR-HS	Reno, Nev. (Galena HS)
8	Chris Phillips	C	R/R	6-0	217	SR-1L	Shreveport (Northwestern St.)
9	Dustin Weaver	C	R/R	5-11	180	SO-TR	St. Amant (Southeastern La.)
10	Lukas Guidroz	P	R/R	5-11	180	JR-RS	Lockport (Enterprise St. CC)
12	Jake Tompkins	P	R/R	5-11	197	JR-JC	Auburn, Calif. (Sacramento City College)
13	Jay Mattox	OF	R/R	6-3	210	FR-HS	Conway, Ark. (Conway HS)
14	Darren Welch	C	R/R	6-1	210	SR-TR	Laurel, Miss. (Southern Miss)
16	Jon Zeringue	C	R/R	6-1	215	FR-HS	Thibodaux (E.D. White HS)
18	David Miller	P	R/R	6-2	170	SR-RS	Gramercy (Univ. of New Orleans)
21	Clay Harris	P/3B	R/R	6-4	228	FR-HS	Slidell (Slidell HS)
23	Chad Vaught	P	R/R	6-4	225	JR-1L	Ferriday (Huntington Academy)
24	Jeff Lambert	1B	R/R	6-1	225	JR-JC	Metairie (Alabama Southern CC)
25	Jason Vargas	P/1B	L/L	5-11	203	FR-HS	Apple Valley, Calif. (Apple Valley HS)
27	Justin Hill	P	R/R	6-1	204	SR-1L	West Monroe (Bossier Parish CC)
28	David Shank	P	R/R	6-3	207	SR-1L	Orinda, Calif. (Sacramento City College)
29	Jordan Faircloth	P	R/R	6-3	213	FR-RS	Alexandria (Alexandria Senior HS)
30	Brad David	P	L/L	6-0	187	JR-2L	Baton Rouge (Catholic HS)
31	Wally Pontiff	3B	L/R	6-0	200	JR-2L	Metairie (Jesuit HS)
33	Jason Determann	P	R/L	5-10	168	FR-HS	Baton Rouge (Catholic HS)
34	Bo Pettit	P	R/R	6-0	205	JR-2L	Houston, Texas (Sharpstown HS)
36	Sean Barker	OF	R/R	6-3	225	SR-1L	Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield CC)
38	Brian Wilson	P	R/R	6-1	205	SO-1L	Londonderry, N.H. (Londonderry HS)
39	Jason Columbus	1B	R/R	6-5	235	JR-JC	Alamogordo, N.M. (New Mexico JC)
43	Billy Brian	P	R/R	6-5	230	SR-3L	Covington (Mandeville HS)
44	Weylin Guidry	P	R/R	6-0	205	SR-3L	Luling (Hahnville HS)
46	Lane Mestepey	P	L/L	6-0	187	SO-1L	Zachary (Central Private School)
47	Eric Wiethorn	1B	R/R	6-2	205	JR-1L	Newport Beach, Calif. (Orange Coast JC)
48	Clint Bamert	P	R/R	6-3	180	FR-HS	Big Spring, Texas (Big Spring HS)
49	Bryson LeBlanc	OF	L/L	5-7	162	FR-HS	Metairie (Ridgewood Prep)
51	Jimmy Campbell	P	R/R	6-5	225	FR-HS	Mandeville (Fontainebleau HS)
55	J.P. Martinez	P	R/R	6-1	215	FR-RS	Metairie (Isidore Newman School)
56	Mickey Serio	P	R/R	5-10	203	FR-HS	New Orleans (Jesuit HS)
57	Rhett Buteau	OF	L/R	5-9	163	FR-RS	Jeanerette (Catholic-New Iberia HS)
60	Chris McDougall	P	L/L	6-3	222	FR-HS	Arabi (Jesuit HS)

- 22 Ray "Smoke Laval", Head Coach (Jacksonville, 1977), 1st year as head coach, 13th year at LSU
 11 Dan Canevari, Pitching Coach (Miami, Fla., 1980), 12th year at LSU
 17 Henry "Turtle" Thomas, Hitting Coach (High Point, 1975), 3rd year at LSU
 20 Jody Autery, Volunteer Coach (LSU, 2001), 1st year as Volunteer Coach, 3rd year at LSU
 26 Brady Wiederhold, Administrative Asst. (Kennesaw St., 1994), 1st year at LSU



2002 LSU BASEBALL



1997 LSU Baseball
 LSU vs. Long Beach State
 May 25 at Baton Rouge (Alex Box)

LSU 14 (51-13)

Long Beach State 7 (39-26)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Danny Higgins dh.....	5	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0
Blair Barbier 2b.....	7	2	2	1	0	1	1	4	2
Brandon Larson ss.....	6	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	2
Eddy Furniss lb.....	5	2	3	2	2	0	15	1	0
Mike Koerner cf.....	6	2	2	0	1	2	1	0	3
Trey McClure lf/3b.....	5	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	2
Tom Bernhardt rf.....	5	2	3	3	0	0	1	0	0
Clint Earnhart c.....	1	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	3
Casey Cuntz 3b.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1
Wes Davis lf.....	3	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0
Conan Horton c.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	1
Jeremy Witten pr/rf.....	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Eric Berthelot p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Chris Demouy p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Patrick Coogan p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Albritton p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	51	14	15	12	8	12	33	14	14

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
J.J. Newkirk cf.....	4	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	2
Paul Day rf.....	6	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Izzy Gonzalez 3b.....	6	2	4	3	0	2	0	2	1
Toby Sanchez lb.....	4	1	0	0	2	2	5	0	1
Casey Martin c.....	5	1	1	3	1	1	14	2	1
Brandon Hyde dh.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Chuck Lopez ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jaron Madison lf.....	5	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Steve Doherty 2b/ss.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Lateef Vaughn ss.....	3	1	1	0	1	1	3	2	0
Keith Cowley ph.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sam Monroy pr/2b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marcus Jones p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ara Petrosian p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iran Barrera p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daryl Grant p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dan Thomas p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	41	7	10	6	7	9	33	6	10

Score by Innings R H E

LSU..... 111 000 310 07 - 14 15 1
 Long Beach State.... 001 020 400 00 - 7 10 5

E - McClure(3); Gonzalez(16); Vaughn 3(32); Barrera(3). DP - LSU 1. LOB - LSU 14; Long Beach 10. 2B - Barbier(22); Davis(3); Gonzalez 2(20); Vaughn(9). 3B - Day(4). HR - Furniss(16); McClure(12); Bernhardt(16); Martin(9). SH - Newkirk(4); Doherty(2). SB - Koerner(15); Bernhardt(6); Davis(10). CS - Koerner(4); Witten(4).

LSU	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Eric Berthelot.....	4.2	5	3	2	3	2	17	21	85
Chris Demouy.....	1.1	4	4	4	2	0	8	11	43
Patrick Coogan.....	4.0	0	0	0	2	4	12	14	56
Jason Albritton.....	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	4	4	16

Demouy faced 4 batters in the 7th.

Long Beach State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Marcus Jones.....	3.0	5	3	3	0	2	16	17	67
Ara Petrosian.....	7.0	7	8	7	6	7	28	35	159
Iran Barrera.....	0.1	3	3	2	0	1	5	5	23
Daryl Grant.....	0.1	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	16
Dan Thomas.....	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	5

Win - Coogan (13-3). Loss - Petrosian (4-3). Save - None.
 WP - Barrera(3); Grant(7). HBP - Horton by Jones, Larson by Petrosian. BK - Coogan(2); Petrosian(1).

Inherited runners/scored: Demouy 1/1; Barrera 3/3; Grant 3/2; Thomas 3/0.
 Pitches/strikes: Berthelot 85/50; Demouy 43/24; Coogan 56/35;
 Albritton 16/11; Jones 67/48; Petrosian 159/86; Barrera 23/14; Grant 16/6; Thomas 5/4.

Umpires - HP: Jeff Heinrichs 1B: Larry Donovan 2B: Scott McDougall 3B: Dan Wickle
 Start: 6:00 Time: 4:55 Attendance: 6687

Game 9 of NCAA South I Regional. LSU advanced to championship round vs. South Alabama; Long Beach was eliminated.

LSU coach Skip Bertman ejected by McDougall in bottom of 8th for aguing a balk call. It was Bertman's second career ejection (1992 SEC Tournament vs. South Carolina), and he would be ejected once more in his career (2001 vs. Vanderbilt).

LSU Individual Career History (Feb 27, 2002)

Sean Barker

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2001....	.338	38-21	80	24	27	7	1	3	16	45	.562	14	0	14	1	.432	1	0	4-5	18	1	1	.950
2002....	.422	11-11	45	9	19	1	0	1	17	23	.511	7	0	7	1	.464	4	0	5-6	29	0	2	.935
TOTAL...	.368	49-32	125	33	46	8	1	4	33	68	.544	21	0	21	2	.444	5	0	9-11	47	1	3	.941

Brad David

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2001....	.000	24-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	6	0	1.000
2002....	.000	6-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	3	1	.833
TOTAL...	.000	30-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	4	9	1	.929

Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	SFA	SHA
2000....	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/1	0	1.0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	.000	0	0	0	0
2001....	4.40	2-1	24	0	0	0/0	3	30.2	25	19	15	23	32	2	0	2	148	.219	3	5	1	4
2002....	5.06	0-1	6	0	0	0/0	0	10.2	14	10	6	5	6	2	0	1	51	.311	0	0	0	1
TOTAL...	4.46	2-2	31	0	0	0/1	3	42.1	39	29	21	29	41	4	0	3	203	.241	3	5	1	5

Weylin Guidry

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2001....	.000	27-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	4	5	2	.818
2002....	.000	5-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	2	0	1.000
TOTAL...	.000	32-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	5	11	2	.889

Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	SFA	SHA
1999....	8.22	0-0	8	0	0	0/0	0	7.2	12	7	7	3	11	1	0	1	37	.353	3	0	0	0
2000....	2.68	1-2	31	0	0	0/1	7	40.1	29	19	12	21	45	3	1	5	166	.206	5	2	0	2
2001....	5.65	1-3	27	0	0	0/0	2	28.2	38	23	18	17	34	6	1	6	141	.319	7	3	1	1
2002....	8.10	0-0	5	0	0	0/0	1	6.2	9	7	6	5	5	1	0	1	36	.310	0	1	0	1
TOTAL...	4.64	2-5	71	0	0	0/1	10	83.1	88	56	43	46	95	11	2	13	380	.272	15	6	1	4

Matt Heath

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2001....	.293	62-57	205	51	60	10	2	10	47	104	.507	37	5	38	3	.408	3	1	12-16	339	20	7	.981
2002....	.278	11-10	36	12	10	3	1	0	6	15	.417	12	0	9	0	.449	1	1	3-5	16	1	1	.944
TOTAL...	.290	73-67	241	63	70	13	3	10	53	119	.494	49	5	47	3	.415	4	2	15-21	355	21	8	.979

Aaron Hill

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2001....	.299	46-34	134	27	40	5	1	5	36	62	.463	15	2	17	3	.375	1	1	6-7	49	36	2	.977
2002....	.280	6-6	25	5	7	1	0	0	6	8	.320	1	1	2	0	.310	2	0	1-1	3	16	3	.864
TOTAL...	.296	52-40	159	32	47	6	1	5	42	70	.440	16	3	19	3	.365	3	1	7-8	52	52	5	.954

Lane Mestepey

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2001....	.000	22-19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	10	37	3	.940
2002....	.000	3-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	6	2	.750
TOTAL...	.000	25-22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	10	43	5	.914

Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	SFA	SHA
2001....	3.75	11-3	22	19	4	0/0	1	139.1	158	77	58	37	79	30	0	6	613	.287	4	11	8	7
2002....	4.12	1-0	3	3	1	0/0	0	19.2	26	11	9	4	11	5	1	0	91	.313	1	1	0	3
TOTAL...	3.79	12-3	25	22	5	0/0	1	159.0	184	88	67	41	90	35	1	6	704	.291	5	12	8	10

Bo Pettit

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2001....	.000	7-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	3	2	0	1.000
2002....	.000	3-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	6	1	.857
TOTAL...	.000	10-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	9	10	1	.950

Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	SFA	SHA
1999....	15.43	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	5	5	4	2	3	1	0	0	15	.455	1	1	1	0
2000....	4.15	5-3	16	7	0	0/1	0	47.2	44	25	22	22	52	7	2	3	209	.240	3	4	0	0
2001....	2.42	4-0	7	4	0	0/0	0	26.0	21	9	7	7	25	5	0	2	108	.216	1	3	1	0
2002....	3.66	1-1	3	3	0	0/0	0	19.2	22	13	8	7	23	4	0	2	92	.268	3	2	0	1
TOTAL...	3.86	10-4	29	14	0	0/1	0	95.2	92	52	41	38	103	17	2	7	424	.247	8	10	2	1

Chris Phillips

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2001....	.190	25-9	42	3	8	2	0	0	4	10	.238	1	0	9	2	.205	1	0	0-0	99	6	0	1.000
2002....	.364	5-4	11	2	4	2	0	0	3	6	.545	0	1	2	0	.417	0	1	0-0	27	5	0	1.000
TOTAL...	.226	30-13	53	5	12	4	0	0	7	16	.302	1	1	11	2	.250	1	1	0-0	126	11	0	1.000

Wally Pontiff

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2000....	.347	61-51	222	41	77	20	2	7	45	122	.550	24	3	19	4	.409	5	3	4-5	37	12	4	.925
2001....	.347	67-67	268	47	93	9	1	7	58	125	.466	28	3	23	10	.405	7	3	3-4	43	115	14	.919
2002....	.324	10-10	37	6	12	3	0	1	10	18	.486	12	0	4	1	.480	1	1	1-1	12	24	3	.923
TOTAL...	.345	138-128	527	94	182	32	3	15	113	265	.503	64	6	46	15	.413	13	7	8-10	92	151	21	.920

David Raymer

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2000....	.250	5-5	20	5	5	3	0	0	6	8	.400	2	1	4	0	.333	1	0	2-2	6	1	0	1.000
2001....	.324	62-41	148	42	48	13	1	4	30	75	.507	25	8	18	3	.435	5	7	11-12	118	4	5	.961
2002....	.214	11-9	28	6	6	2	0	0	7	8	.286	9	5	10	0	.476	0	2	2-3	15	0	1	.938
TOTAL...	.301	78-55	196	53	59	18	1	4	43	91	.464	36	14	32	3	.433	6	9	15-17	139	5	6	.960

David Shank

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2001....	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
2002....	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
TOTAL...	.000	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000

Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	SFA	SHA
2001....	81.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	3	3	3	1	0	1	1	0	5	.750	0	0	0	0
2002....	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	.000	0	0	0	0
TOTAL...	27.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	0	7	.500	0	0	0	0

Chad Vaught

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2001....	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
2002....	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	1	0	1.000
TOTAL...	.000	2-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	1	0	1.000

Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	SFA	SHA
2001....	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	.000	0	0	0	0
2002....	1.50	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	6.0	5	1	1	1	8	0	0	0	24	.217	0	0	0	0
TOTAL...	1.29	0-0	2	1	0	0/0	0	7.0	5	1	1	2	9	0	0	0	27	.200	0	0	0	0

Eric Wiethorn

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2001....	.200	2-0	5	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	.200	0	0	1	0	.200	0	0	0-0	4	1	0	1.000
2002....	.409	9-4	22	8	9	0	0	1	6	12	.545	1	0	2	0	.435	0	0	0-0	4	0	1	.800
TOTAL...	.370	11-4	27	10	10	0	0	1	7	13	.481	1	0	3	0	.393	0	0	0-0	8	1	1	.900

Brian Wilson

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2001....	.000	20-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	3	10	2	.867
2002....	.000	4-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	1	1	.500
TOTAL...	.000	24-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	3	11	3	.824

Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	SFA	SHA
2001....	5.67	3-2	20	4	0	0/0	3	39.2	40	28	25	20	22	11	1	4	171	.274	1	3	1	1
2002....	1.80	2-1	4	0	0	0/0	0	5.0	7	6	1	2	4	0	0	0	26	.292	1	0	0	0
TOTAL...	5.24	5-3	24	4	0	0/0	3	44.2	47	34	26	22	26	11	1	4	197	.276	2	3	1	1